

# **\*\*Update\*\* Fatal Pedestrian Crash Investigated North of Dover**

*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**North Dover-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred early last evening.

The incident occurred around 8:30 p.m., Monday September 12, 2016 as Kevin A. King, 22 of Dover was operating a 2012 Honda Accord southbound in the left lane on North Dupont Highway (US13) just south of Fork Branch Road. Robert H. Smith, 41 of Felton, was attempting to cross the southbound lanes of US13 from east to west. Smith entered the path of the southbound Honda and was struck with the left front bumper throwing him up into the windshield and then into the center median. The Honda came to an immediate controlled stop in the left lane after the impact.

Robert Smith, who was carrying a small flashlight, was transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Kevin King was properly restrained and was uninjured.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. It is unknown if the flashlight Smith was carrying was functioning properly before the collision. Speed does not appear to be a factor on the part of the Honda. US13 southbound was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

*"Troopers remind pedestrians to use caution and safety when walking on or near roadways. If you must cross a roadway utilize appropriate cross walks and make sure to look left, then right, then left again before proceeding. When walking near a roadway always make yourself visible to drivers by wearing bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials. Pedestrians that are walking at night must carry a flashlight for added safety."*

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**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\*** Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian – North Dover

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**North Dover-** The Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash on North DuPont Highway (US13) southbound between Fork Branch Road and West Dennys Road that occurred around 8:30 p.m. this evening.

Preliminary investigation indicates the incident involves a pedestrian.

US13 southbound between Fork Branch Road and West Dennys Road is closed. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

**Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.**

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